WHAT THANKFULNESS DOES FOR US.

Col.3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts and be ye thankful.

INTRO. The holiday season is [illegible] at hand. Thanksgiving and Xmas are distinctly Christian days and they contain two of the fundamental virtues of Xn living- gratitude and love. Both virtues are centered in the founder of the Xn religion, in Jesus Christ himself.

The Xn's thanffulness begins with his living risen Lord, in whom we put off the old man of selfishness and evil ways and put on the new man, with his new spi spirit, new attitudes, new outlook, new ideals, new w ways. Then when the peace of God takes full possession of him he just cant help but being thankful!

I. All thru the N.T. we are urged as Xns in everything to give thanks. A Xn duty.

A matter of cultivation

Dependent upon conditions within a person, not upon conditions without.

The old woman living in a small room thru the windowss of which the sun never shone.

A visitor's remark;" You never see the sun shine in this north room."

Her reply,"But I see the sun shine in my neighbor's windows."

II. Thankfulness makes us appreciate the common things of life.

An interesting story or helpful article

A song that cheers

A beautiful picture

Some handy device- modern inventions.

But behind man's ingenuity and thotful application of mind and energy is the the Great Creative Thinker and Doer-God.

III. Thankfulness enlargers the blessings received.

Small things become precious. Thankfulness increases the value of everything.

Hogg's valuation of the little chapel.

IV. Thankfulness makes the receiver of gifts more sympathetic and useful and kind and ggenerous.
The fuller life of larger fellowship.

V. Thankfulness enables us to see some element of good in every condition.
Winter's chilling breath- Life's sorrows and blighting experiences.
Life is full and strong only as it alternates. We must have winter and summer, light and shade, day and night. Otherwise we could never measure the length, and breadth and depth and height of God s loving care.

VI. Thankfulness best expressed in fellowship and sharing with one another the blessings of life.

Conclusion. God's"Thank You."
Little Jackie's experience working for his cousin.
Glencoe, a pass in Scotland.
"Rest and be thanful."